

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 have been allowed.

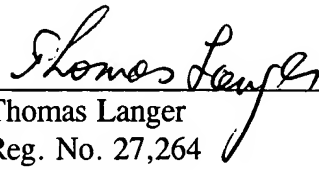
Claim 14 has been indicated as being allowable if suitably rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent Claim 13 has been incorporated into Claim 14, and Claim 13 has been canceled. Thus, Claim 14 is now in condition for allowance. The dependency of claim 15 has been changed so that it depends from Claim 14 and, therefore, is allowable therewith.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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